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FOR EUR AMBASSADOR COOPER, SCOTT GEORGE, JOAN CLARK

BONN: FOR AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND

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SUBJECT: OPENING OF EMBASSY AND ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR

REF: BERLIN 1925

1. ON OCTOBER 24 I VISITED THE PROPERTY ON MAJAKOWSKIRING 50 WHICH THE GDR HAS OFFERED AS A TEMPORARY DCM RESIDENCE UNTIL THE AMBASSADOR'S PERMANENT RESIDENCE IS READY FOR OCCUPANCY. THIS PROPERTY, ALTHOUGH IT HAS ITS OWN DRAWBACKS, REPRESENTS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE AS A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE FOR THE AMBASSADOR. FOLLOWING ARE ITS LEADING CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) THE KITCHEN IS SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN THAT OF THE HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE.

(B) THOUGH DIVIDED INTO FOUR ROOMS NONE OF WHICH IS LARGE, THE GROUND FLOOR IS MORE LOGICAL IN ITS LAYOUT THAN THAT OF THE HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE. THERE IS A CLOAKROOM, AND A ROOM THAT COULD SERVE AS BUTLER'S PANTRY. THE DOWN-STAIRS BATHROOM, HOWEVER, ALSO CONTAINS A BATHTUB.

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(C) THE RESIDENCE IS LOCATED IN AN ATTRACTIVE SECTION OF PANKOW WITH LITTLE STREET NOISE.

3. THE MAIN DRAWBACK IN THE MAJAKOWSKIRING PROPERTY IS A LACK OF SPACE FOR SERVANTS. ALTHOUGH ONE ROOM ON EACH FLOOR COULD BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THERE IS NO WAY TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE FLOOR FOR SERVANTS OR SEPARATE BATHROOM FACILITIES.

4. I HAVE ASKED THE DLA TO PROVIDE A FLOOR PLAN SKETCH OF THE MAJAKOWSKIRING HOUSE.

5. A LOOK AT THE INSIDE OF THE NORDENDSTRASSE PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERSUADES ME ALL THE MORE THAT THE PROCESS OF RENOVATION WILL TAKE MANY MONTHS.GROVE

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